

Discharge Instructions
Phelps Veterinary Hospital Clinics

- 1.) Cat(s) to be picked up at PVH no earlier than 4:00pm the same day.
- 2.) Cats MUST not be released less than 24 hours after surgery. They must be kept in a Warm place during the winter, as their body temperatures are affected by anesthesia. It can drop as much as 10 degrees. In addition, even if the cat(s) no longer seem wobbly upon standing, they may still be under the effects of the anesthesia for many hours afterward and their judgment may be still be impaired.
- 3.) Keep trap or carrier covered at ALL times. This helps GREATLY to keep them calm.
- 4.) Be sure they are not put in any area where they are still subject to predators, even while in the trap or carrier.
- 5.) Place the trap on top of a tarp, large piece of plastic or a garbage bag for cleanliness.
- 6.) Traps & Carriers must be cleaned with a bleach & water solution. Be sure to rinse well after.
- 7.) Caring for a feral.....be careful! It is best to use a trap & trap divider for truly feral cats. This will allow you to use the divider to keep them confined to one end of the trap while you insert food & water dishes. This is also a good opportunity to add or replace any newspaper inside the trap to be used for urinating/defecating.
- 8.) Give a small amount of food as soon as you arrive back to your destination. Please feed soft, pate-only food (as opposed to shredded) or at least moisten their dry food for several days.
- 9.) Watch that he/she does not eat too fast and vomit, as this will cause pressure & pain to the surgery site. More should be given a few hours later.
- 10.) If at all possible, release the cat(s) into a small confined area at first. This is to avoid climbing, running and to avoid a situation where they must defend themselves.
- 11.) Female cats have a tube inserted in their throat when put under anesthesia. You may hear a raspy sound and their throats may be sore for several days. Please feed soft, pate-only food or moisten their dry food for several days.
- 12.) Stitches dissolve on their own so there is no need for a follow-up appointment. If you observe any drainage from the incision site, please call your own vet immediately for advice on further care.

Remember.....

Just like humans, the cat(s) are sensitive to fear, cold, heat & pain. Please be aware of this during trapping, transporting and care after surgery. Keeping the trap or carrier covered at ALL times is generally very helpful in keeping them calm, especially for a truly feral cat.

I have read, understand & agree to all of the items listed here.

Client Printed Name

Client Signature

Date

For Use by TCC Members only:

Client#

Colony#

Town

Zip